

CRISIS COMING TODAY IN R. STRIKE SITUATION

EMPLOYEES GRABbing UNDER DELAY
DEMAND REPLY FROM R. HEADS
WHO MAKE COUNTER PROPOSAL

(By Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—After the heads of the four great railroad brotherhoods threatening a nation-wide strike had gone to the White House today with a warning that they would not wait longer than tomorrow night for a reply from the railroad executives to President Wilson's suggestion of an eight-hour day, the executives tonight agreed upon a counter proposal to be submitted to the president tomorrow. This plan, holding to the demand for arbitration with the employees have declared they unalterably oppose, proposes:
"That the question of an eight-hour day is not directly connected with the matter at issue and that there is a difference between an actual eight-hour day and an eight-hour day as a basis for pay."
"That the questions of increases of wages are indisputably questions which should be settled by arbitration."
"That the present demands of the trainmen be submitted to arbitration by the interstate commerce commission or some board to be created by the president or in some other way."
"That if the arbitrating board finds wages should be granted, their finding will be retroactive and the increase will take effect from the time the arbitration begins."
"That a fund shall be created by the railroads to provide for this contingency, the interstate commerce commission to keep the accounts that will be necessary and to arrange to continue for a time not yet determined, the men agreeing that during the period of arbitration there shall be no further demands or any attempt to strike."
A draft was submitted tonight by the committee of eight presidents who have been constantly at work since the strike broke out. There was some discussion, but only one vote was taken and by it the sixty presidents and managers approved the draft. Some slight additions to the phraseology are to be made and the final draft presented at another meeting tomorrow.
From that meeting the report is expected to be taken to President Wilson. It was said tonight this will be the final meeting of the executives. The crisis in the situation is expected by noon tomorrow, when the president has an engagement to see the brotherhood leaders.

Some of the executives said that while the proposal would not give them more than 20 per cent increase in wages provided for in effect of President Wilson's plan, it probably would give an increase of over ten per cent. After the vote several of the executives made suggestions, which the committee of eight probably will include in the final draft.
Throughout the discussion the executives took the position that the question of the eight-hour day was entirely one of wages rather than of principle. The plan, however, was not voted formally on President Wilson's plan as a whole but that all of their discussions had shown that it could not be accepted in its entirety. The plan, however, agreed on will be the first presented by the executives since the negotiations began.
Although the railroad presidents would not attempt to forecast how their counter proposal would be received by the men, some of them were inclined to believe the brotherhoods would decide that much had been conceded and that it would be a losing fight to hold out for their original demands.

Heads of the four railroad brotherhoods went to the White House today and informed President Wilson that under no circumstances could they hold their committee of 640 here after tomorrow night. The men, they said, were demanding that they obtain some definite answer from the railroad heads on President Wilson's plan before they accepted by them, or that they be permitted to go home and prepare for a strike. Everything was declared to be in readiness for a walkout whenever the committee of 640 heads of the brotherhoods would be ready to accept the plan. The president is understood to have given the men no definite promise as to what he would do. He made an appointment with them for noon tomorrow, however, and shortly after they left the White House he sent for three of the railroad executives to advise them of what had happened.
The railroad presidents and managers had two conferences during the day and continued their sessions until late tonight.
The railroad heads insist, as they have from the beginning, that it is increased pay and not a shorter working day that the employees really desire.

ALLEGING WRONGS WOMAN SLAYS MILITIA CAPTAIN IN HIS TENT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
MACON, Ga., Aug. 25.—Captain Edgar J. Spratt, of Co. F, Fifth Regiment, National Guard of Georgia, was shot and killed in his tent at a mobilization camp here today by Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta. At the county jail tonight, where she was held on a charge of murder, Mrs. Adams asserted that Captain Spratt, who was a physician, had offended her by attentions paid her several weeks ago while she was in his office in Atlanta for treatment.

Mrs. Adams, who is about 30 years of age, came from her home in Atlanta today and went directly to the camp. At Captain Spratt's tent she asked the officer if he were Captain Spratt, and, on being answered in the affirmative, fired at him twice from a small caliber revolver, both shots taking effect. According to Lieutenant Samuel H. Kyser of Co. F, who seized her a moment later, she cried out as she shot the officer, "You have ruined my home." After the shooting she seemed hysterical. She said afterwards she had never seen Captain Spratt in his uniform, but that he had treated her for a nervous trouble. Referring again to the shooting, she declared:
"I decided there was but one thing for me to do, and I did it. When the testimony comes out I feel sure the public will be with me."

According to information received here, Mrs. Adams left her home in Atlanta shortly after her husband, who is employed at a laundry, had gone to work, leaving her and the couple's three children at home. She said tonight she had previously told her husband of alleged improper relations between her and the captain.

Germans Reach French Trenches But at Once Evicted

PROTECTIVE TARIFF TO PREPARE FOR COMPETITION FROM EUROPE

TWELVE INJURED WHEN OIL TANK EXPLODES

CHARLES CITY, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Twelve persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, late today when a large oil tank belonging to the Standard Oil Company exploded. A great pillar of fire shot into the air for a hundred feet following the explosion and burning oil was scattered in all directions. A spark from an engine which was pumping gasoline into storage tanks of the plant caused the explosion. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

REVENUE BILL BRINGS CLASH DURING DEBATE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The first clash of the session between so-called old line and progressive republicans occurred in the senate today during debate on the emergency revenue bill. Senator Gallagher, the minority leader, criticized the progressive republicans for the overthrow of former Speaker Cannon and attacks on the late Senator Aldrich, drawing a vigorous reply from Senator Gurnea.

Senator Gallagher declared that certain republicans who had sworn oaths of dissent over the Dingley tariff chose former Speaker Cannon as the "donor" on whom to heap the burden of blame, and that they preached the false theory that the high cost of living was due to the Dingley tariff. Senator Gurnea insisted that the tariff had nothing whatever to do with the overpricing of Canada and that he was attacked only to end an era of atrocious domination of the house. He also hotly denounced interference that progressive republicans had at this time demonstrated free trade tendencies, and charged that republicans of the "old guard" had sought to encourage the farmers of the country for free trade.

"The history of the ten months during which the Underwood act became operative under normal conditions," said he, "is sufficient to justify our predictions, and to further our faith in the wisdom of the tariff. It is a fact that the high cost of living was due to the Dingley tariff. Senator Gurnea insisted that the tariff had nothing whatever to do with the overpricing of Canada and that he was attacked only to end an era of atrocious domination of the house. He also hotly denounced interference that progressive republicans had at this time demonstrated free trade tendencies, and charged that republicans of the "old guard" had sought to encourage the farmers of the country for free trade.

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"Red" Enemy Fleet Within Striking Distance of "Blue"

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The "Red" enemy fleet was within striking distance of Sandy Hook tonight, its scouts having been sighted by the "Blue" defending forces in the naval war game at 11 a. m. today, 120 miles off Barnegat inlet.

PREPARE FOR COMPETITION FROM EUROPE

(Special to The Republican)

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 25.—Charles E. Hughes tonight addressed an audience at Frontier Park here on the importance of upbuilding American industries to meet European competition after the war. This he said, would be a new era of history. I do not think the world will be the same world after the European war that it was before.

"The problems that we are facing today are not exactly like those which we have dealt with in the past. We are entering upon a new era of history. I do not think the world will be the same world after the European war that it was before. The upbuilding of American industries, which the administration has declared to be the future of the United States, can never be done under an administration that frames its tariff for revenue only."

Mr. Hughes reiterated his declaration that he favored the appointment of competent, experienced men to the diplomatic service. He also assailed the administration's foreign policy and cited its course toward Mexico as "a conspicuous example of what we ought not to do."

A group of cowboys led the way from the Cheyenne hotel to the Frontier park, whooping as they galloped along. In their dust came the nominees and Mrs. Hughes, in the first of a string of autos. Mr. Hughes spoke from a rough board stand, hammering together late today, facing the grandstand.

During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had a reception at the hotel, meeting the women voters of Cheyenne. Later they visited the almost deserted army post nearby, Fort D. A. Russell. After tonight's meeting Mr. Hughes will return to his hotel and the nominees, thoroughly fatigued, retired to his car, which will be held over in the railroad yards until 5 a. m., when the start for Denver will be made.

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"Chango" Makes Things Hum for Time in Douglas

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 25.—"Chango," a large monkey belonging to Harry C. Wilson, proprietor of a social club here, escaped from his quarters today and entered a small hotel, invading the room of a guest. Finding a medicine chest he investigated the contents, with the result that he poured a quantity of turpentine on his body. Enraged by the burning of the fire broke every bottle in the room, then tore up a quantity of clothing in an effort to wipe the turpentine off.

NEW FEDERAL OATH IS SUPREMELY PARAMOUNT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 25.—Judge J. E. States of the United States district court tonight rendered a decision that "federal jurisdiction over national guardmen serving under the new federal oath is supreme and paramount" and that "a state cannot interfere with officers and men in military service when such interference might deprive the government of the services of the soldiers."

The decision was handed down upon evidence submitted in the hearing of a writ of habeas corpus growing out of charges of assault brought against Captain W. E. Wilson and Sergeant T. Doyle of the Third regiment, Ohio national guard, who were alleged to have assaulted Charles Fakier, a socialist orator at Hamilton, Ohio, June 24, when he made a statement considered derogatory to the national guardmen.

The men were arrested while encamped on the state house lawn here yesterday while acting in capacity of provost guards. Judge States ordered the men released, his opinion being that even temporary confinement under civil restraint might interfere with their movement as United States soldiers, in case the Ohio troops were ordered to the border. Military authorities say they may be tried on the charges by court martial. Officers considering the ruling the most important rendered in connection with military service in fifty years.

Senator Owen's determination to demand a vote on a motion to take up the corrupt practices bill still hangs over the senate but several influential democrats said today his motion, if he got an opportunity to make it, would be defeated. Senator Smith of South Carolina intends to seek another opportunity to pass the immigration bill and he might get it through if it could be done without provoking debate.

After the deficiency debate on the revenue bill, however, senate leaders on both sides say "wild horses could not hold a quorum."

To clear the way for adjournment Monday, a general debate on the bill to pass the deficiency bill as soon as it gets through the house.

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CONGRESS MAY ADJOURN LAST OF NEXT WEEK

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Congress is getting ready to adjourn next Friday, if possible, ignoring all threats of members to press special bills for consideration over protests of administration leaders.

It is expected that a joint resolution to provide for adjournment Friday evening will be submitted to both houses next week as soon as the general deficiency appropriation bill has passed the house, probably Tuesday. Democratic leaders declare the resolution will be adopted and that this will operate to check a threatened prolonged fight in the senate over the two corrupt practices bills, which aroused a fusillade of charges and counter charges of political corruption yesterday.

Secretary Lansing did not announce at what city the conference would be held, although it is known that this virtually was determined in his talk with the commissioners today. The secretary will confer with Elihu A. Arredondo, Mexican ambassador-designate, before the announcement.

Further information which the state department desires to communicate to the American commissioners will be presented to Secretary Lane or Professor Rowe who will remain in Washington all next week preparing for the session of the joint commission.

Ochoa Escapes
EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 25.—Manuel Ochoa, the Villist general who surrendered Juarez to the constitutionalists last December under a grant of amnesty, was captured in this district yesterday by Mexican customs patrols and escaped after killing one of his guards, according to reports received this evening by General Francisco Gonzales at his Juarez headquarters.

Ochoa, who had been a political refugee in El Paso crossing the river to James R. Ward, an attorney. By terms of Morrison's father's will the property would revert to the city of Chicago in case he died intestate. The estate was estimated at about \$6,000,000 but so far, the only tangible assets found are an apartment building worth about \$100,000, a collection of old coins and \$11 in cash.

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SOUTHEAST OF VERDUN HEAVY FIGHTING IS ON

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

Apparently from the French statement the allied troops do not plan an advance on the right wing, as British cavalry detachments are reported to have destroyed bridges over the Angesta river. On the left wing Paris reports "appreciable" progress for the Serbians and the capture of several hundred prisoners. In the center where the main effort of the allies is expected, heavy artillery action is taking place but there is no report of infantry operations.

The full on the eastern front continues but the renewed offensive by the Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia is growing in extent. The recent fighting in the region of Lake Van is described in Petrograd as a crushing blow to the Turks and Russian military critics predict the resumption of the grand duke's advance toward Asia Minor.

The usual period of comparative inactivity has followed the western front gains reported by Paris and London. The Germans have, however, attempted a new blow at the French at the point of the famous St. Mihiel salient. This salient juts far into the French line southeast of Verdun and has been the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in France. The force of the German blow carried them into the French trenches but Paris says they were immediately evicted by a counter attack.

London again has been the target for a Zeppelin raid and, as usual, the accounts issued by Berlin and London conflict. Berlin claims that the British capital was heavily bombarded by several naval dirigibles and that batteries and vessels were struck. According to London only one of the Zeppelins reached the outskirts of the city and the material damage done was slight. Eight persons were killed and 26 injured, according to the British version.

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Crushing Blow for Turks
PETROGRAD, Aug. 25. (Via London)—The Turkish attempt to circle the left flank of the Russian Caucasian army appears to have received a crushing blow from the troops of Grand Duke Nicholas, the region of Lake Van. The Turkish encircling scheme aimed at regaining Erzerum and thus nullifying all the grand duke's victories in Turkish Armenia, appeared about to succeed but was halted by the Russian forces of Mosh and re-establishment of Russian positions west of Lake Van apparently has made hopeless the Turkish efforts.

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AGED MILLIONAIRE EASY MARK FOR ORGANIZED BLACKMAILERS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—How Edward W. Morrison, eccentric millionaire whose estate is under investigation in Federal Judge Landis' court, adopted two girls of whose parentage their supposed father accused him, was told on the witness stand today by one of the girls herself.

The witness was Margaret Burnstein Morrison, 16 years old. Burnstein had testified that his wife, on her deathbed, had confessed that the millionaire was the father of her and her younger sister, Alice. The court room was jammed with spectators when the two girls, together with Mrs. Anna Briggs, Morrison's housekeeper, were brought in by bailiffs. Margaret's testimony followed revelations indicating the aged millionaire had paid thousands of dollars to an organized gang of blackmailers that he had loaned money freely on "I. O. U.'s" of irresponsible parties, and had paid huge sums for questionable amusement.

Tom Campbell Caught Out On Desert In Cloudburst

(Special to The Republican)

OATMAN, Ariz., Aug. 25.—A terrific cloudburst late this afternoon played havoc in this mining camp. A number of houses were torn from their foundations, roads were washed away and not until late tonight did the storm cease its damage.

The storm lasted for hours and according to the old timers in the camp it was the heaviest in thirty years. Late into the night people toiled, clearing out the mud and water from the business establishments and residences. Those residing in the gulches are without homes tonight. The Mazamas, Carter and Old Trails townships suffered most. The water flowed from the heart of the camp and carried tent houses and cabins with it.

Tom Campbell, republican candidate for governor left here for Kingman about an hour before the storm and it is believed that he was caught out in the desert. The roads to Kingman are in a terrible condition and no stages are leaving the camp.

KINGMAN, Ariz., Aug. 25.—A cloudburst broke over Oatman about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon and for two hours thereafter water from the surrounding hills rushed through the gold mine camp streets two feet deep. Many hotels and business places were flooded and streets and roads badly damaged.